

REMEMBERING STAN BINGHAM

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember North Carolina state Senator Stan Bingham, and to recognize his many years of faithful service to the residents of Davidson, Davie, and Guilford counties.

Born in Winston-Salem in 1945, Stan Bingham was a remarkable figure exemplifying much of what it means to be a resident of the Old North State. After earning a degree in forestry from North Carolina State University, he founded the Bingham Lumber Co. in 1979 in his adopted hometown of Denton. Stan was a fierce proponent of Davidson County and its residents. From 1990 until 1994, he served his community on the Davidson County Board of Commissioners, and in 1995, he formed the weekly local newspaper, the Denton Orator. In 2000, while still working as a businessowner and publisher, Stan was elected to the North Carolina Senate.

Serving eight terms in the state senate, Stan was a giant in North Carolina's legislature. He was a problem-solver, an individual who was convicted in his beliefs yet willing to work across the aisle to accomplish what was best for his constituents. He was instrumental in the successful effort to amend the state constitution to prohibit convicted felons from running for Sheriff, and he proposed the state's Good Samaritan Law to ensure overdose victims receive the medical care they need. Thanks to his help, the Davidson County communities of Wallburg and Midway have become incorporated townships. Stan was a friend to everyone, and he was always eager to help in any way he could.

Madam Speaker, please join me in a moment of silence for state Senator Bingham, in recognition of his many years of service to the people of North Carolina.

## PAINTED TREE BOUTIQUES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Painted Tree Boutiques—Northglenn of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Small Business of the Year Award.

The Small Business of the Year Award recognizes a local business with up to 20 employees that impacted the community with its entrepreneurial spirit. Painted Tree Boutiques—Northglenn exists to provide space for hundreds of other small businesses in its store. With its ability to create space for others to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams, Painted Tree Boutiques—Northglenn is a valued small business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to Painted Tree Boutiques—Northglenn for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DR. RICK MAURER

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Richard C. Maurer for his long-time service as a board member of The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky.

Dr. Maurer is Professor Emeritus of Community and Leadership Development for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, where he has been on faculty since 1977. He was also the Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension Service for Community and Economic Development Programs for 15 years. His expertise in business retention, expansion, and community development have been valuable to the vision and execution of projects led by The Center for Rural Development.

The overall goal of The Center for Rural Development is to provide opportunities to people in Kentucky's Appalachian Region so they can attain a college degree and acquire a good paying job without leaving the region and state that they call home. Dr. Maurer has helped us advance those opportunities, ensuring we remain on the forefront of rural broadband expansion, youth leadership opportunities, job creation, infrastructure development and much more. He has ensured that youth programs like Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute continue to provide vital scholarships, introductions to community leaders, job opportunities, and a pathway to accomplish their dreams in our region.

I deeply appreciate his dedication and the investment of his time and talents to help revitalize southern and eastern Kentucky through his service on the Board of Directors at The Center for Rural Development.

## MURRAY-BROWN LABORATORIES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Murray-Brown Laboratories of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Mid-Size Business of the Year Award.

The Mid-Size Business of the Year Award recognizes a local business with up to 50 employees that exemplifies a high level of business ethics and professionalism. Murray-Brown Laboratories, co-owned by John Murray and Brenda Brown, exists to provide testing to food and beverage companies that depend on the results to keep the products for consumers safe for consumption. With a passion for providing excellent customer service, Murray-Brown Laboratories is a valued mid-size business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to Murray-Brown Laboratories for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING SAN ANTONIO VETERAN, EDUCATOR, AND MUSICIAN ALFRED STURCHIO

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 31, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Alfred Sturchio, who celebrated his 94th birthday on October 30, 2022. Mr. Sturchio—or as many in San Antonio call him, Al—is a quintessential example of leading through public service. Al Sturchio is a staunch defender of our nation's values and freedom, a passionate educator shaping our city's youth, and a musician who uses the power of sound to transcend any culture, religion, or race.

In May of 1951, Al Sturchio graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, with a Bachelor of Music Education and a commission in the United States Army Reserves. After graduation, Hondo ISD hired him to begin their first band program—an all-girls Drum and Bugle Corp.

As Mr. Sturchio settled into his new role, he was called upon to bravely serve his country. On one Saturday in 1951, Mr. Sturchio went home to play golf, only to find a telegram reading "You will report on Oct. 31st to Fort Still Oklahoma, for active duty." He reported for duty, and on October 18, 1952, Mr. Sturchio was wounded in action while in Korea. He would spend the following two months in hospitals in Korea and Japan. Mr. Sturchio was discharged in May 1953 and received the distinguished Purple Heart Medal.

From January 1953 to June 1959, Mr. Sturchio began teaching at Sidney Lanier High School in San Antonio. He would lead the school's band to receive First Division during their first-ever UIL Marching Contest.

In the summer of 1959, Mr. Sturchio received a Master of Education degree and returned to his alma mater, St. Mary's University, to teach with his father, Frank G. Sturchio.

In 1966, Mr. Sturchio joined South San Antonio High School as band director and Coordinator of Music for South San Antonio ISD. He later accepted the band director position at Theodore High School in Northeast ISD, and after one year, became Vice-Principal for student discipline.

In 1977, Mr. Sturchio served as Grand Marshal during San Antonio's coveted Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

And in July 1985, Mr. Sturchio was given the distinct pleasure of serving as Executive Secretary of the Texas Bandmasters Association. In this role, he worked with the finest musicians in San Antonio and assisted band directors in improving skills with the association's educational offerings.

After thirty-four years of assisting students and teachers with their musical desires and abilities, Mr. Sturchio retired from teaching in June 1986.

Mr. Sturchio's contributions to music do not end in San Antonio. He has toured with Johnny Carson and Jack Benny; he's played the trumpet and conducted for the Ringling Brothers Circus, Ice Capades, the 1968 San Antonio World's Fair, Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Kenny Rodgers, Sonny and Cher, and many more.